The **Irregular Past Tense** verbs below are known by most children by 6 – 7 years. Please review them with your child.

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| Present/Past Verbs | Sample sentence | Date: | Date: | Date: | Date: | Date: | Date: |
| Run/ran | Today I will run to school. Yesterday I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fly/flew | Today the bird will fly to its nest. Yesterday it \_\_\_\_. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wear/wore | Today I wear a jacket. Yesterday \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Write/wrote | Today my Grandmother will write a letter. Yesterday my Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cut/cut | Today the student cut the paper. Yesterday the student \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Feed/fed | Today the zookeeper will feed the birds. Yesterday the zookeeper \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drive/drove | Today the policeman will drive the police car. Yesterday the poIiceman \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bite/bit | Today the dog will bite the bone. Yesterday the dog \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Blow/blew | Today the coach will blow the whistle. Yesterday the coach \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Read (long “e”)/read (short “e”) | Today the teacher will read us a book. Yesterday the teacher \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shoot/shot | Today the basketball player will shoot a free throw. Yesterday the basketball player \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ride/rode | Today the cowboy will ride his horse. Yesterday the cowboy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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For more of a challenge:

\_\_\_\_ Change the order in which you present the verbs.

\_\_\_\_ Use a different example sentence for your child to complete.

\_\_\_\_ Say only the present tense form of the verb and ask your child to make up his/her own sentence using the irregular past tense form of the verb.

\_\_\_\_ Ask your child to write the irregular past tense verb on a piece of paper.

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